DMSO Involvement in the Object Management Group

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OMG's Mission

O **Develop a single architecture, *using object technology,* for distributed application integration, guaranteeing:**

- **reusability of components;**

- **interoperability & portability;**

- **basis in *commercially available software.***

Focus on swiftly-developed, easily usable ("off the shelf") component standards.
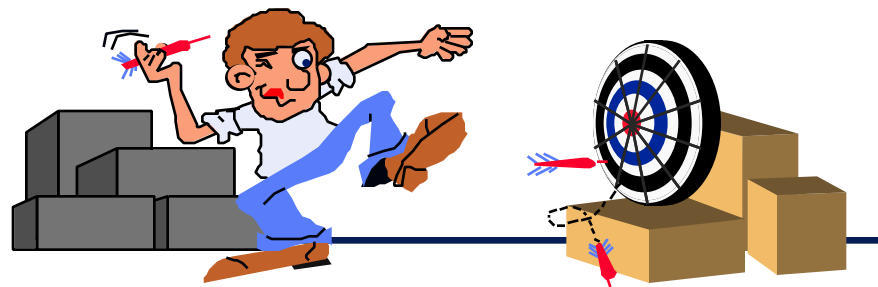
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OMG: Background

O **Not-for-profit company based in United States, with representation in United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Australia & India.**

O **Founded April 1989.**

O **Small staff (25 full time); no internal development.**

O **Sponsors *Object World* conference around the world to help spread the word.**

O **Dedicated to creating and popularizing object-oriented standards for application integration based on existing technology.**

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Organization

O **Technical Plenaries have distinct roles in specification process:**

- **Platform Technology Committee: responsible for baseline "plumbing" and services.**

- **Domain Technology Committee: responsible for layered specifications in particular application domains.**

- **Architecture Board: responsible for cohesion of produced specifications.**

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OMG Has Chartered a Special Interest Group (SIG) for Distributed Simulation

O **Idea was floated to OMG members at a previous OMG meeting and a draft charter was written.**

O **Prospective SIG was publicized through OMG lists and other contacts before the January meetings, and to relevant current OMG groups at the meetings.**

O **A working group met at the January meetings:**

- **To see who showed up**

- **To discuss interests, charter, and liason to other groups**

- **To hear a presentation from Capt. Hollenbach**

- **To hear an overview of the RTI**

O **Charter was revised by the working group to have a flavor broader than DoD.**

O **OMG Domain Technical Committee voted at the end of the meetings to charter the SIG without dissent.**

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Interest in the SIG Spans Domains and Countries

Ameritech	**Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc.**	**British Telecom**	**Concurrent Technologies Corp.**
Hewlett Packard Corp.	**IBM**	**Integrated Systems Inc.**	**IsoQuantic Technologies, LLC**
Lockheed Martin Adv Technology Labs	**McDonnell Douglas Tng & Support Sys**	**Object Services and Consulting, Inc.**	**Objective Interface Systems**
Raytheon E-Systems	**Raytheon Sw. Engineering Lab**	**Science Applications Int'l Corp.**	**SiliconGraphics**
The Technical Resource Connection Inc.	**VISA International**		**Australian Artificial Intelligence Institute**
Concurrent Engg. Research Center	**MITRE**	**National Center for Manufacturing Sciences**	
National Defence of Canada	**US Army STRICOM**	**US Defense Modeling and Sim Office**	**US Nat'l Institute of Stds and Technology**

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SIG Will Move In Several Directions

O **Gather requirements** from industry for use in applying OMG standards to distributed simulation.

O By working through other OMG organizations, seek **changes or extensions to OMG standards** to support distributed simulation.

O **Adapt current industry and government standards** for distributed simulation, such as the HLA, to influence OMG standards for distributed simulation.

O **Involve ORB and CORBAservice vendors** in supporting distributed simulation.

O **Promote use of the OMA** by simulation and simulation infrastructure vendors.

O To promote **application of OMG standards** to distributed simulation over the **Internet**

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DMSO Has Joined OMG as Contributing Member

O **Contributing membrship gives DMSO a vote in all OMG bodies.**

O **DMSO is the first government agency to do so.**

O **Kuhl will be DMSO's primary technical representative.**

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Next SIG Meeting: Leap Aboard Several Trains

O **Technology crucial to distributed simulation is already in progress.**

- **RFP has been issued for asynchronous messaging in CORBA.**

- **Real-time SIG is discussing multicast support.**

O **We need to catch up with the work of other groups:**

- **Real-time SIG**

- **Internet SIG**

O **SIG members have asked for more technical detail on the RTI and its services.**

O **We'll discuss next steps.**

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OMG Has Proposed a Workshop in CORBA and Simulation

O **The Summer Computer Simulation Conference occurs this year in Arlington, July 13-17.**

- **Paul Kaminski is the keynote speaker.**

O **I've proposed a session at SCSC on CORBA and simulation.**

O **I've also proposed a "professional development seminar" on RTI.**

O **Abstracts are due 3/3! Please submit!**

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OMG Involvement Benefits DMSO and AMG Community

O **Standardization of RTI services as distributed object services increases their value.**

- **Refines the services**

- **Will make them more widely applied**

O **CORBA and CORBAservices will evolve to support distributed simulation better.**

- **Focuses discussion of requirements**

- **Increases possibilities of COTS tools for implementation**

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